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REMARKS

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments submitted herewith. Claim 16 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-15 remain pending. Each of claims 1-15 is amended, not for purposes of patentability over a cited reference, but rather to correct antecedent basis and to better comply with U.S. patent practice.

Claim 8 has been specifically amended to moot its rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is earnestly requested.

All claims are now believed to be in proper form for allowance.

CONCLUSIONS

For at least the reasons referenced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application in its current form is in condition for allowance.

The examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned if there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by telephonic communication.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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